

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 April 1963	2. LOCATION Pearl Beach, Michigan	12. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1950	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual TX <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE not rptd
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object viewed through TX at 15 dgr N declination w/right ascension of 7 hr 32 min 00 sec. Object flying NE, magnitude -2. Diameter of 1/15 to 1/20 of a dgr. Viewed through 41X telescope w/focal length of 3/4 inch. Moving 2 dgrs every minute. Four red satellites Total duration 4 minutes. Object appeared to be moving outward. Letter sent to Menzel.	11. COMMENTS Balloon sighting. Principal witness contacted on Friday May 31 by phone. Satellites were misinterpretation of reflectors on Rawinsonde balloons. Balloons of this type are launched at 0000Z from Green Bay, Wisconsin & Flint, Michigan. Wind information not obtained; however, upper air currents are usually to the East.	

u) Radar Reflector
Down check Local Owner!

May 31 Receiving TAT & G-1 unit

[REDACTED]
Pearl Beach Michigan
May 18, 1963

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Foreign Technical Division
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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask you for some information on an unidentified Flying Object. Here is my report: Time: 750 pm. Eastern Standard Time, Date: April 27, 1963, Declination: North 15° Right Ascension: 7hr. 30min. 0sec. Unidentified Flying Object flying due Northeast. The approximate magnitude is -2. It's diameter is around from one fifteenth degrees to one twenty-fifth degrees looking through our telescopes at 41 power, with a three quarter inch focal length. It was moving about 2° every one minute. It had four red satellites. The first two were visible for about ten seconds and then disappeared. There were three sky objects visible in the twilight sky. They were Sirius, the moon and the ufo. The length of duration was about three to four minutes. The object appeared to be moving in an outward motion when it disappeared. My fellow astronomer [REDACTED] and I were playing cards waiting for the sun to set so that we could look through our telescopes, when I said lets try to locate Sirius. We went to the window and we could not see it so we went

outside because we could see better. "Then we got out there, [redacted] said, there it is, and I said no because Sirius is near the horizon. So, we went hunting for our telescopes, aimed it at the ufo, and there appeared a very large disc with four satellites moving around it.

We were looking at it and at the same time trying to take notes on it. Tom went over to see his brother [redacted] who lives next door to me. By the time he got back, it was gone. In the mean time I could still see the object through my scope moving in an outward motion. It got very small and then it disappeared. About one half a second later, two other satellites followed it, then they disappeared.

I had sent a Mr. Donald W. Menzel, the Director of Harvard College Observatory. And he said that the Air Force might want to know all about it. If you want to know more about the object please do not hesitate to write me. Will you please send me some addresses to write to so that I will know who to write to in case something else strange will come.

Cordially yours,

[redacted]
Pearl Beach, Oregon